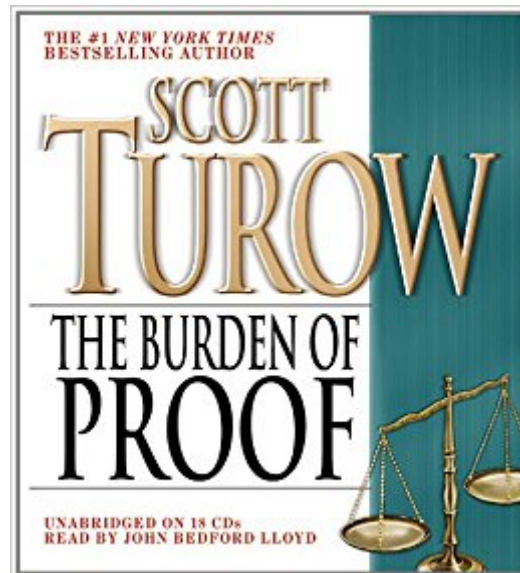




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# **The Burden Of Proof**



## Synopsis

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Criminal defense lawyer Alejandro "Sandy" Stern copes with his wife's suicide, his three grown children and a government investigation of his brother-in-law's successful brokerage house. "Turow develops a complex, satisfying plot, steeped in law and finance, that turns perhaps too often on coincidence but remains utterly faithful to its deeply probed characters," said PW. \$200,000 ad/promo. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"A compelling novel... Turow is a master at dramatizing legal complexities... this complex, meditative novel is as richly entertaining as its predecessor."--Kirkus Reviews "Turow develops a complex, satisfying plot."--Publishers Weekly "Burden is not a book to pass up."--Toledo Blade --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This book had a really good plot with a slightly surprising end. However the tale was spoilt by an over-indulgence of character analysis that padded out the content to double the length than was

necessary. A shame as the story could easily have been a five star if it had been simplified, but no, interest waned throughout the reading.

Heartbreaking from beginning to end. Turow takes "Sandy" so many directions on his quest to make sense of his family's tragedy and deception. When you're not reading *THE BURDEN OF PROOF*, you are thinking about it. The secondary characters are fleshed out. The weak are exposed. The ruthless are humans. The plot line forces you to pay attention.

well, for all the hype regarding Scott Turow, I found this book eminently boring! except that Sandy Stern is a lawyer and is the main character in the book, there is nothing legal about the book. it is more a love story or more love stories. the other characters are even more forgettable than Sandy. wish the author had cut it down by about half its length. now I am off Scott Turow for good!

I have not read any of Mr. Turow's fiction but did see the movie "Presumed Innocent" a screenplay of his book by the same name. There are as many plot twists as in a Christie or Doyle book. But, with Turow we get a great deal more character development. It was a joy to read to see more elucidation of one of the main characters in "Presumed Innocent". The mechanizations of Sandy Stern and his relationships with his family and all the linkages was entertaining and riveting. I will read more.

This. Is. Terrible. After reading "Presumed Innocent," which I consider one of the genre-breaking books in crime fiction during the past 20 years, I turned to this. The beginning starts off brilliantly as the first chapter is the perfect mix of pathos and plot setting. Everything, however, goes downhill from there. A self-pitying (sexist) protagonist, aimless flashbacks, odd occurrences (and re-occurrences) by weak characters, and a plot that is convoluted (and seriously dated by today's financial standards), the book grows increasingly painful until the final page. Upon completing the work, I set it down, not with satisfaction, but with disgust at having wasted so much time. I gave it two stars instead of one probably because I admired Turow's first book so much that I wished this had been a better reading experience.

Since I am relatively new to Scott Turow, I continue to be amazed by his writing. The story has been well described by others. While it is a very interesting story, what makes this book (and his other books as well) exceptional is the depth of emotions and the insights of individual characters about

themselves and others. This puts Turow well above other authors on this genre. The Burden of Proof explores the vast range of feeling connected with Sandy Stern's dealing with the suicide of his wife, his family members and friends as well as the very complex and fascinating legal situation of his brother-in-law and how the rest of his family was involved. I found the book to hold my interest from beginning to end. Who knew when reading "Presumed Innocent" that Sandy Stern would be such an interesting character!

I found that "Burden of Proof", Turow's second novel in the Kindle county group was at least to me, a bit confusing, until I became used to his style and verbge. The story moves along nicely, holding your interest quite well, Charactors are well chosed, and their actions aomewaht predictable.I would suggest the novel and story line to anyone

Turow's writing is predictably top of the mark! Never disappointing. I don't know how he does it, interweaving the subplots so effectively. Love him!

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